



Winter Outlook Central Region 2014-15






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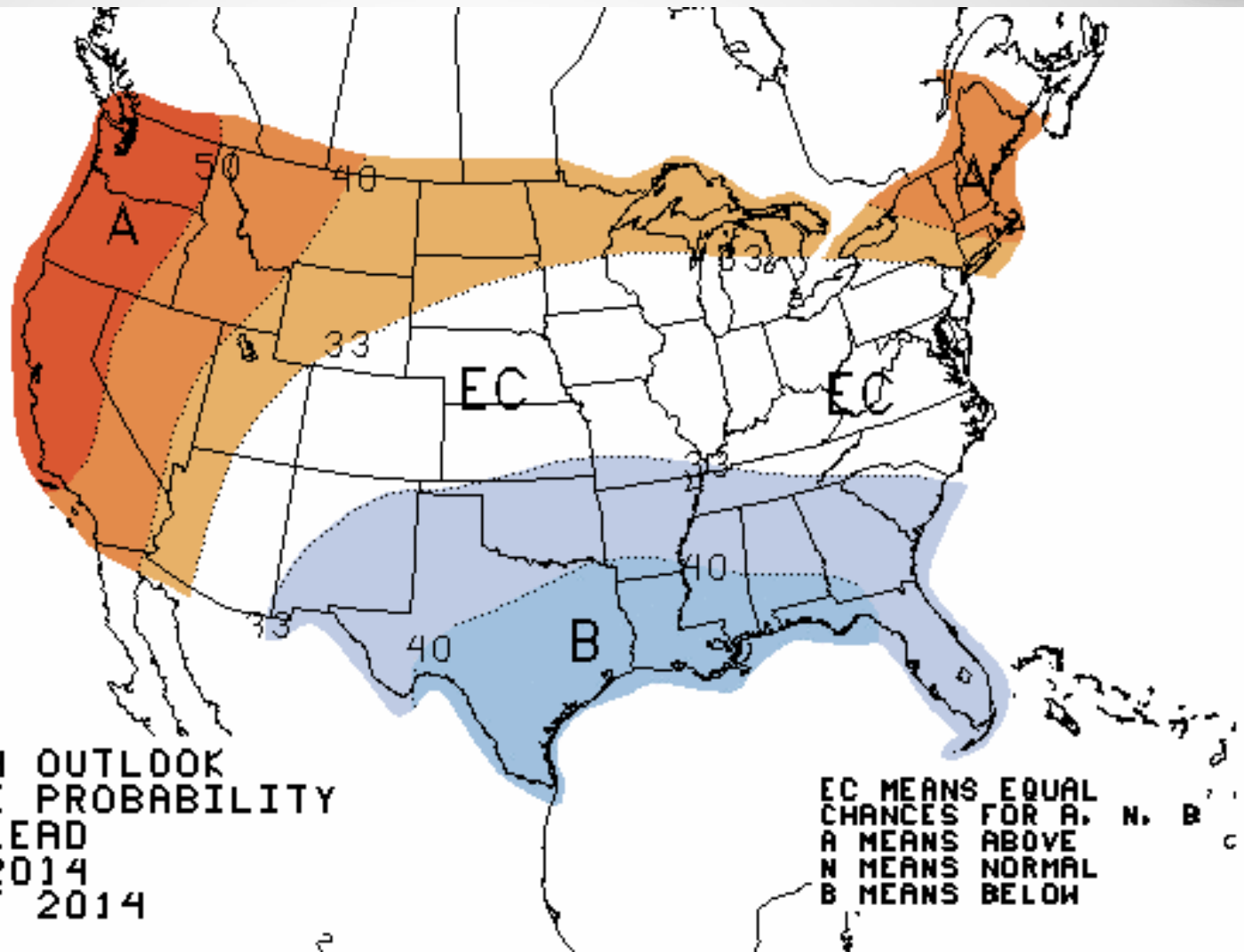


Winter Temperature Summary



-  Probabilities lean slightly towards warmer than average for northwest two-thirds of Wyoming, northwest half of South Dakota, all of North Dakota, north half of Minnesota, far north Wisconsin, Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and the far north of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan.
-  Probabilities lean slightly towards cooler than average for far southeast Kansas and far south Missouri.
-  The rest of Central Region has equal chances of above, near, or below average temperatures this winter.





THREE-MONTH OUTLOOK
TEMPERATURE PROBABILITY
1.5 MONTH LEAD
VALID DJF 2014
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EC MEANS EQUAL
CHANCES FOR A. N. B
A MEANS ABOVE
N MEANS NORMAL
B MEANS BELOW



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Winter Precipitation Summary

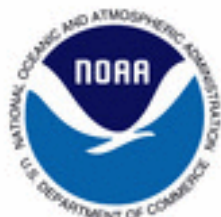
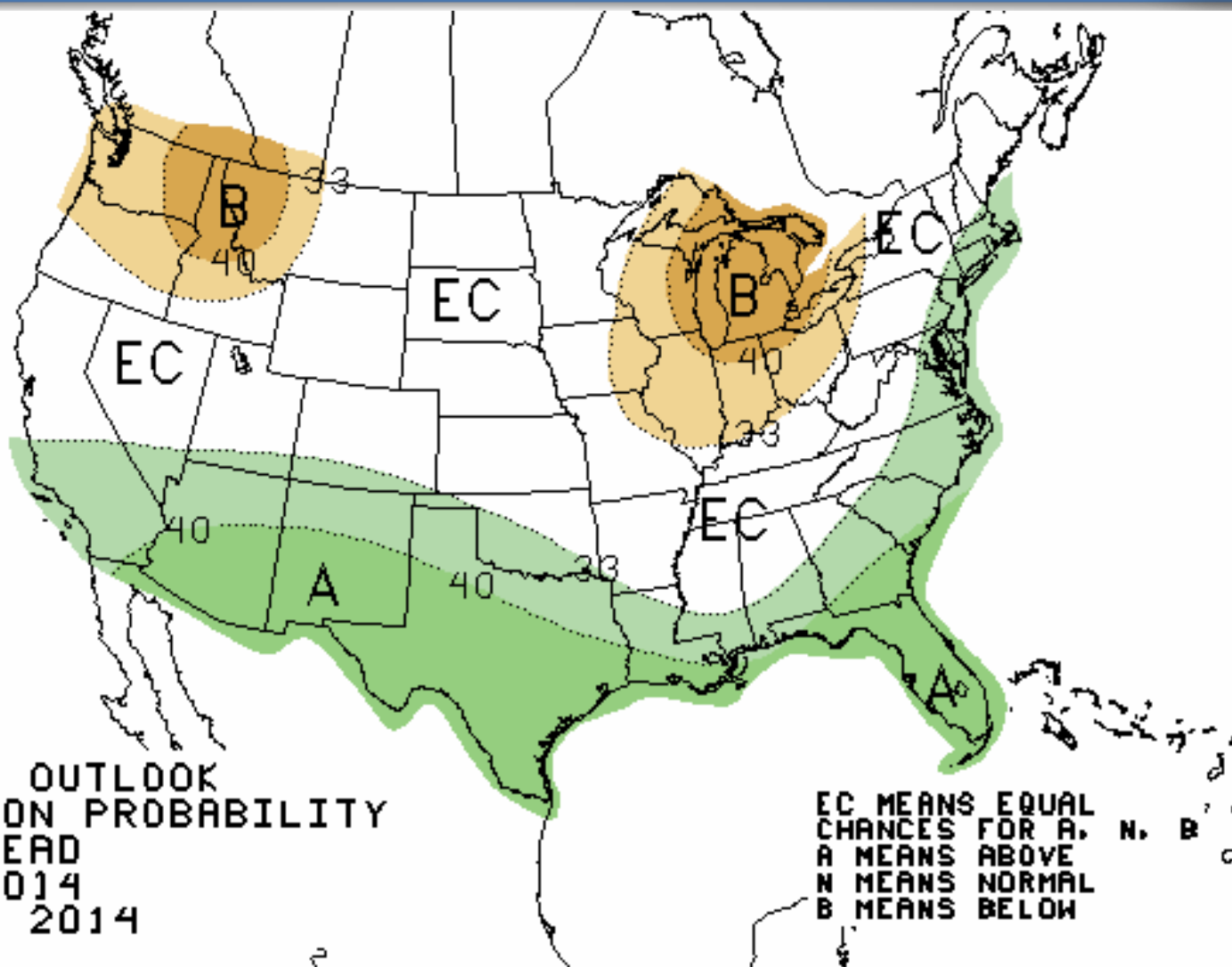


- ❄️ Probabilities lean towards wetter than average across far south Colorado.
- ❄️ Probabilities lean towards drier than average across Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and far northeast Missouri and east Iowa. The strongest signal for drier than average conditions is in eastern Wisconsin, most of Michigan, far northeast Illinois, and far north Indiana.
- ❄️ The rest of Central Region has equal chances of being above, near, or below average precipitation this winter.





Precipitation Outlook



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PRECIPITATION PROBABILITY
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Drought Outlook Summary



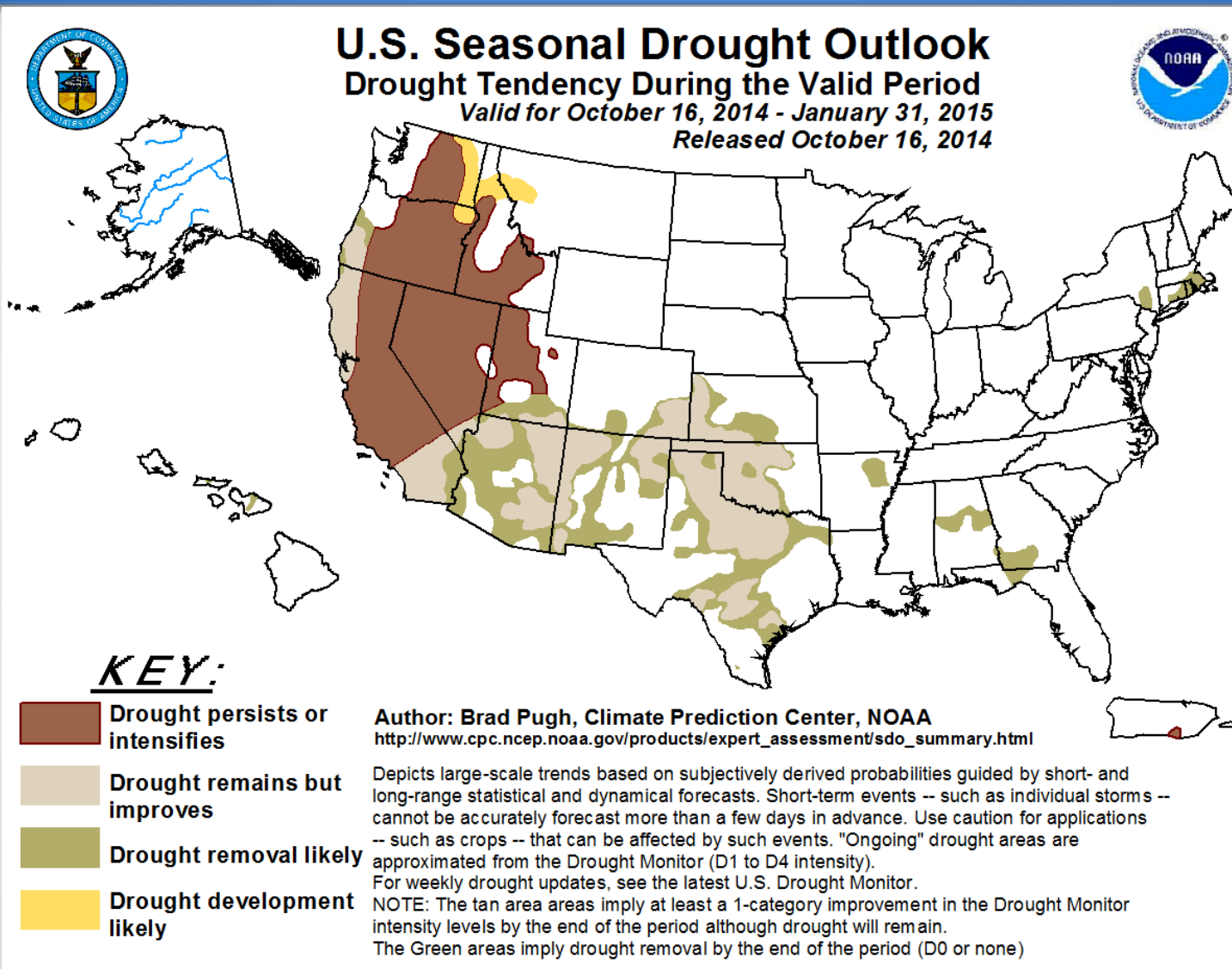
Drought remains into the winter, though improves, across west and southwest Kansas as well as southeast and small parts of far southwest and south-central Colorado.





Drought Outlook

Late Autumn-Winter 2014-15





El Niño Winter 2014-15



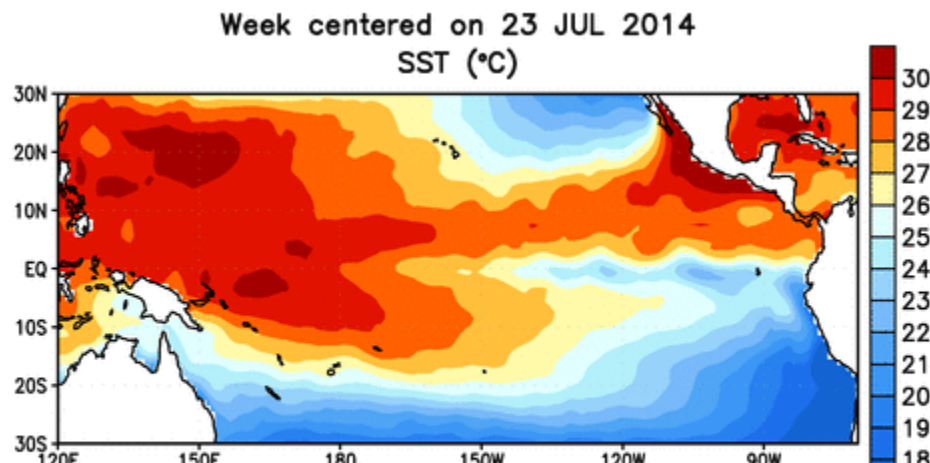
- A weak El Niño is favored to begin early this winter and last into the spring of 2015.
- Chances are 2-in-3 for development of El Niño.
- Niño-3.4 index between 0.5°C and 0.9°C
- See the [ENSO Blog](#) at [Climate.gov](#) for more information
- More background at the [Monthly Update](#).

*An [El Niño Watch](#) is in effect which means conditions are favorable for development of an **El Niño** in the next 6 months. An advisory will be issued when **El Niño** conditions are observed and are expected to continue.*

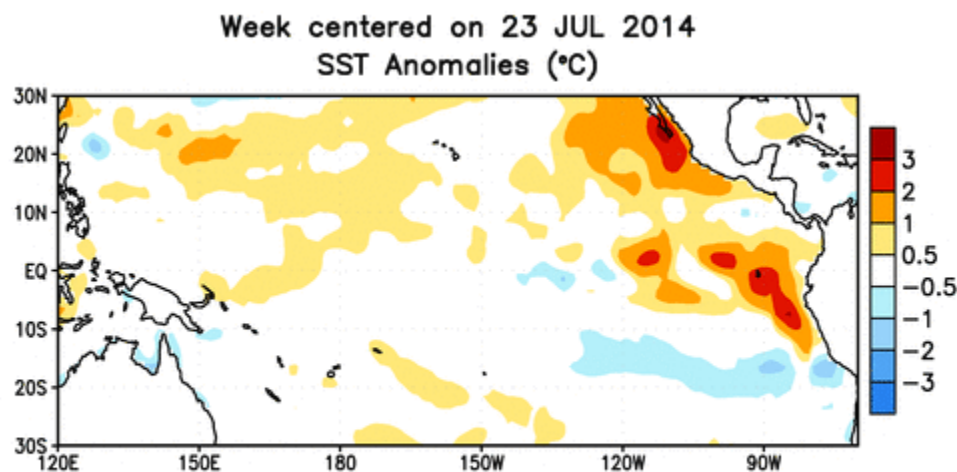




El Niño Sea Surface Temperatures Winter 2014-15



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